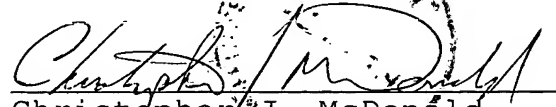


REMARKS

By this Amendment, the claims have been placed in conformance with U.S. practice. No new matter is added.

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